COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Thursday, the 22nd of March 1934.
9th of Meenam 1109.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with C. G. Herbert Esq., I. C. S., the Diwan President, in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi, I. N. Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Typhoid fever cases—Ernakulam.

331. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are the Government aware that cases of Typhoid fever at Ernakulam and suburbs are on the increase ;

(b) have the Government inquired into the reasons for such increase ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Statistics to give an accurate answer are not available. But from the number of patients admitted in the General Hospital it cannot be stated that the disease is on the increase.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Had there not been cases of a number of Typhoid fever during the last month in the General Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did the Government enquire from which all places they came?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Most of them should be from this Taluk since the General Hospital is in that Taluk. These may be from the Town as also from the suburbs.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know whether the majority was from the town or from the suburbs?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I am not in a position to say. The General Hospital is located here and naturally it must be from the suburbs and the town.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—So there are cases from the mofussil also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes

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Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Are the Government aware that there are very many cases existing in the town which are not taken to the Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know whether the Typhoid fever is on the increase?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Statistics are not available to give an accurate answer.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was not a regulation brought to this Council once?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I want notice.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Is there any register for cases of contagious fever?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There is no separate register.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government take the advice and maintain a register of contagious fever?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We have a register of diseases and from that we can find out.

Rabid dog bite—treatment of.

332. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases for rabid dog bite treated in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, in 1108 and 1109;

(b) the expenditure incurred by the Government for the treatment referred to in (a);

(c) whether the Government are aware that rabid dogs are on the increase in the State;

(d) whether any remedial steps for the destruction of the rabid dogs are being taken?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

	1108.	*1109 (7 months.)*
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(b) (i) *Maintenance charges.*

Rs. 936—12—0. Rs. 718—13—0.

(ii) *Cost of Vaccine.*

Rs. 2,899 Rs. 2,214.

(c) No.

(d) Yes. They are being killed.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—From the number of cases given here do not Government think that the rabid dogs are on the increase?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The number of cases treated cannot be said to be due to the increased number of rabid dogs. The same dog may bite many persons.

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